

CLAIMS

1. An electrical connector for a flat cable,  
comprising:

5 a housing having an open mouth;  
a plurality of terminals which are arranged and  
maintained at said housing and have contact sections at  
positions facing to said open mouth of said housing;  
a pressure member which can freely rotate around  
10 a rotational axis and between an open position where said  
flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into an  
insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a  
closed position where said flat cable is pressed towards  
said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned  
15 opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat  
cable;

at least one bearing section provided in said  
terminal for rotation of said pressure member at said  
rotational axis; and

20 at least one engaging section provided in said  
terminal or said housing and said pressure member and  
holding said pressure member at said open position by an  
engaging force generated by concerted movement of said  
terminals or said housing and said pressure member.

25 2. An electrical connector of claim 1, wherein  
said engaging sections are formed in a plane parallel to  
said rotational axis.

3. An electrical connector according to claim 1,  
wherein said engaging sections are formed in a plane  
30 perpendicular to said rotational axis.

4. An electrical connector according to claim 2,  
wherein said engaging sections in said parallel plane are a  
shoulder of a supporting arm of said terminal and an inner  
wall of a groove of said pressure member, a part of said

supporting arm sliding into said groove while said pressure member turns over to said open position.

5. An electrical connector for a flat cable, comprising:

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- a plurality of terminal which are arranged and maintained at said housing and have contact sections at positions facing to said open mouth of said housing;
- a pressure member which can freely rotate around
- 10 a rotational axis and between an open position where said flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into an insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a closed position where said flat cable is pressed toward said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned
- 15 opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat cable;

at least one shaft provided in said pressure member extending along said rotational axis at both sides in said arrangement direction of said terminals;

- 20 at least one engaging piece to bear said shaft in proximity of both sides of said connector; and

- at least one engaging section at said engaging piece and said pressure member to hold said pressure member at said open position by an engaging force generated by
- 25 concerted movement of said engaging member and pressure member.

6. The electrical connector according to claim 5, wherein said engaging piece is made of a metal piece attached in proximity of both ends of said housing.

- 30 7. The electrical connector according to claim 6, wherein said engaging section at said engaging piece is formed as a protrusion at an upper edge of said metal piece, and wherein said shaft of said pressure member engages by sliding over a top of said protrusion.

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flat cable is inserted from said open mouth into an  
10 insertion space and arranged on said contact sections and a  
closed position where said flat cable is pressed toward  
said contact sections, said rotational axis positioned  
opposed to said contact sections with respect to said flat  
cable; and

15 a guide attached at said housing which is  
positioned at each side of said housing in a widthwise  
direction of said flat cable, a lower edge of said guide is  
arranged at a position to guide an upper surface of said  
flat cable inserted at a regular position and inclined  
20 inward of said widthwise direction and inward of said  
housing in an inserting direction of said flat cable.

9. The electrical connector according to claim  
8, wherein said guide is made up of a curved metal piece  
which has a surface substantially perpendicular to said  
25 upper surface of said flat cable, and attached to said each  
side of said housing, an upper edge of said metal piece  
being inclined towards a tip in a lower edge direction or  
curved.

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